



CAREER and TECHNICAL EDUCATION UPDATE November 1, 2013

2013-2014 State CTE (State VoEd) Allocations now DEPOSITED

The FY2014 State Career and Technical Education allocation payments (i.e. State VoEd Allocations) have been finalized and were automatically deposited with your county treasurer on Friday, November 1, 2013. The Payment Report is posted on the Payments to School & Co-Ops AND Secondary CTE pages of the OPI web site.

The following link will take you directly to the FY2014 State VoEd Payment Report:

http://opi.mt.gov/programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1_13

State CTE funds are intended to supplement existing district budgets in the area of career and technical education. Examples of approved uses of state CTE funds are: CTE teacher salaries for extended contracts, stipends to CTE teachers for supervision of CTSO's, instructional supplies and/or instructional equipment used in an approved program, instruction-related travel expenses for an approved CTE program or CTSO, repair, maintenance and leasing of instructional equipment for an approved CTE program.

Fall 2013 CTE Data Collection CONTINUES

The Fall 2013 CTE Data Collection began on October 1 and ends December 31, 2013. The Fall CTE Data Collection is a follow up to last year's Spring CTE Data Collection. Students identified as CTE Concentrators last year (2012-2013) and graduated in the spring of 2013 should be contacted between October 1 and December 31 and asked their current post-graduation status. After contact, the appropriate post-graduation status code must be entered into the AIM/Infinite Campus data system for each CTE Concentrator. All high schools that received funding from the Carl D. Perkins federal grant program in 2012-2013 are required to complete this fall follow up collection to maintain their eligibility to receive Perkins funding.

Instructions for completing the Fall CTE Data Collection--called the '*Quick Reference Guide*' for the Fall CTE Data Collection--are located in two places on the OPI website: on the AIM web page listed in Reports and Data and also on the **Secondary CTE** web page under the '**Data Collections**' tab located at this link:

http://opi.mt.gov/programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1_6.

PLEASE NOTE: Be sure to verify the list of CTE Concentrators from what your district submitted last spring. Any additions, corrections, or changes to the list of CTE Concentrators must be made no later than **November 15, 2013**, to be accurately reflected in federal reporting and used to compute Perkins Performance Indicators for your school.

Technical AIM questions regarding the Fall CTE Data Collection should be directed to the AIM Helpdesk at 1.877.424.6681 (toll-free) or email opiainhelp@mt.gov. Questions regarding the Carl D. Perkins federal grant program data requirements should be directed to Diana Fiedler, Perkins Accountability Specialist at 406.444.9019 or email dfiedler@mt.gov.

2013 New CTE Professionals Workshop—a SUCCESS!

The Career & Technical Education division's specialists and staff presented a New Career and Technical Education (CTE) Professionals Workshop at the Bozeman School District's Wilson Building Wednesday, October 16, 2013.

Secondary career and technical education professionals, as well as Career and Technical Student Organization state directors and local chapter advisors, from around the state attended the free one-day workshop to gain



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information on the many hot topics of career and technical education at the state and national levels. The 45 professionals in attendance represented various career and technical education areas including agriculture education, business education, family and consumer sciences education, and industrial trades & technology education.

Attendees participated in two joint morning sessions addressing Carl Perkins and state funding and the Career Clusters, Big Sky Pathways, and introduced the new state directors for Montana's Career and Technical Student Organizations and provided details regarding House Bill 86. The morning joint sessions were followed by an area-specific breakout session covering professional organizations, professional development opportunities at the state, regional, and national levels, and resources for curriculum development and classroom management. The afternoon focused on career and technical student organizations (CTSOs) and providing new advisors with tips, tricks, and resources for developing a local chapter and implementing a successful program of activities.

The workshop was a great success with quality information being passed on to the classroom teachers and with quality discussions during the sessions. The workshop also provide an excellent venue for new career and technical education professionals to network and build professional relationships they can draw upon as they continue their careers within the career and technical education professional.

Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources

No update at this time.

FFA



It has been a busy month for Montana. The 86th national FFA convention wrapped up at the end of the month. Hundreds of Montana FFA members were in attendance to take in the incredible speakers, tours, sessions and all the other things Louisville has to offer. Montana was fortunate to have over 20 teams competing at the national level in several career development events, Molly McGonigal from cascade represented us as our national officer candidate & Connor Rose was the 5th star farmer candidate from Montana to compete at the national level a one of the final four.

Things do not slow down for us as we welcome November. The state officers are not only busy with school, but starting chapter visits, attending conferences and preparing for one of our largest events. The John Deere Ag Expo. JDAE will be held November 14-16 in Bozeman on the MSU campus. We are excited to be back in campus, to welcome over 1,000 students and let them compete, learn and build friendships. We hope the other CTSOs are having a great fall!

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Business Education

Twin Bridges Business Educator Receives Innovative Educators Sponsorship Award

Congratulations to Montana's own Innovative Educator Jody Sandru from Twin Bridges High School, winner of Visa Inc.'s Practical Money Skills scholarship to the 2013 Jump\$tart National Educator Conference in Washington D.C.! Mrs. Sandru was one of six teachers nationwide to receive sponsorship to attend the national Jump\$tart



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conference. Visa Inc.'s Practical Money Skills recently announce the six recipients of the sponsorship to attend the Jump\$tart Coalition National Educator Conference in Washington D.C., on November 1-3, 2013.

William Anderson

Sussex County Technical School
Sparta, NJ

Joy Munsey

Holston High School
Abingdon, VA

Patricia Page

East Greenwich High School
East Greenwich, RI

David Sandlin

Walton-Verona High School
Walton, KY

Jody Sandru

Twin Bridges High School
Twin Bridges, MT

Alice Stocks

Granby High School
Norfolk, VA

Hundreds of submissions were received detailing years of experience and innovative teaching methods. Congratulations to the six educators who will be sponsored to attend this important conference, and deserve special accolade for their efforts in promoting financial literacy education.

To help consumers and students of all ages learn the essentials of personal finance, Visa has partnered with leading consumer advocates, educators, and financial institutions to develop the Practical Money Skills program. At practicalmoneyskills.com and whatsmyscore.org, consumers, educators, parents, students and policymakers can access free educational resources, including personal finance articles, games and lesson plans.

Practical Money Skills for Life is educator-developed and educator-approved, and the program has reached millions of students across the nation. Visa also works with state and national governments to co-sponsor community-based events such as statewide Financial Football rollouts and the annual Financial Literacy and Education Summit. In addition, Visa donates computer labs and Practical Money Skills curricula to schools in high-need areas.

For more information about Practical Money Skills for Life visit <http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com/>.

Montana State University Hosts Entrepreneurship Day for Montana Business & Marketing Education Students

Tuesday, October 8, nearly 300 secondary business and marketing education students from 14 high schools attended the ninth annual Montana State University College of Business Entrepreneurship Day hosted by the Jake Jabs College of Business & Entrepreneurship on the Montana State University campus in Bozeman.

Entrepreneurship Day participants were divided into groups and worked on developing marketing strategies for new products and then through collaborative efforts, each group performed implemented research and development procedures to design and test flight paper airplanes using specific materials and design specifications.

In addition to the activities facilitated by the Jake Jabs College of Business & Entrepreneurship faculty and students, Alex 'Papu' Rincon, Jr., owner of Helena's fourOsix (<http://fourosix.com/>) was the keynote speaker. As a lifestyle shop, fourOsix "promotes art, music, style, forward thinking and Montana living," according to its website. Rincon was honored as a "Champion of Change" by the U.S. White House in 2011 and as Montana's Young Entrepreneur of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Rincon's, presentation, "fourOsix—Creating Lifestyle Culture," presented an overview of entrepreneurship, including how to generate ideas that become a concept, and how to plan, fund, launch and grow a new business. He also addressed branding, lifestyle and culture. A question and answer session followed the presentation.



Schools attending this year's Entrepreneur Day include Anaconda, Bozeman, Bridger, Capital High, Cascade, Columbus, Helena High, Laurel, Opheim, Paris Gibson, Park High (Livingston), Sweet Grass County (Big Timber), Shepherd, Shields Valley, and a handful of home school students.

The MSU Jake Jabs College of Business & Entrepreneurship hosts Entrepreneur Day as part of its commitment to enhance entrepreneurial spirit and education in the area, as well as its commitment to improving the economic development of the state.

Montana Business Educators Honored During MBEA Business Meeting

During the 2014 Montana Business Education Association's Annual Business Meeting Thursday, October 17 in Bozeman, MBEA presented honored two business education professionals and one local business for their contributions to the field and students of business education.

MBEA Past President Scott Anderson (Baker High School, Baker) presided over the awards presentation. Past President Anderson first present the Distinguished Service Award for Outstanding Contributions to Business Education to Bank of Baker. The Bank of Baker has been a strong support of both local and statewide Career and Technical Student Organizations including their sponsorship of various Baker BPA chapter activities and projects as well as being a Gold-level sponsor for Business Professionals of America, Montana association through Montana BPA's corporate sponsor program.

Beth Lawrence, Garfield County District High School in Jordon, was awarded the 2013 MBEA Outstanding Young Teacher. Ms. Lawrence is the business teacher and BPA advisors at GCDHS and also serves as the Montana Business Education Association secretary.

The 2014 MBEA Teacher of the Year award was presented to Sidney High School business educator Elaine Stedman. Among all of her various duties and leadership roles, Elaine is currently the MBEA President, is a member of the Montana ACTE Board of Directors, is the Chair of the Montana BPA State Executive of Directors, is the Montana BPA secondary division representative on the national-level Classroom Educators Advisory Council, and is one of Montana's two representatives on the Western Business Education Association Board.

The 2014 Montana Business Education Association's Annual Business Meeting was held in conjunctions with the 2014 Montana ACTE Institute.

Montana BPA



The Regional Fall BPA Advisor meetings are over, and regional coordinators are preparing their registration systems for their respective conferences. Registration for Region 5's Conference is already open. Below is a list of the eight regional conferences, including dates and locations. The National and State Membership Registration due date for Business Professionals of America is coming up quickly, November 1, 2013.

Region	Regional Conference Date	Location
1	January 13	Flathead Valley Community College
2	Jan. 15*	Missoula
3	Jan. 20	Great Falls
4	January 6*	Helena (College of Technology)
5	January 7	Shields Valley--(elementary schools in Wilsall)
6	Dec. 17 & 18	City College, Billings
7	Dec. 9	Baker High School
8	Jan. 22	Sidney High School

*Denotes new Regional Conference Date



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Region 8, including chapters from Sidney, Culbertson, Bainville, Chinook, Glasgow, Saco, Opheim, and Poplar had a Regional Community Service activity in Glasgow October 24, visiting Nemont Manor and Prairie Ridge (both assisted living facilities for senior citizens) and helping decorate for upcoming Halloween parties. BPA members also helped clean the Children's Museum in downtown Glasgow.

Other regions are doing a similar community service day activities including food drives, donating to the Angel Program, and helping a family who lost all their personal belongs to a house fire.

October 6-7 the State Officers met in Helena and began making plans for the upcoming March 9-11, 2014 Leadership Conference which will be held in Billings. The conference theme is "Serving Locally, Leading Globally." They will convene again in Helena in mid January to meet with the Governor.

State Director Becky DePuydt presented a "New Advisor" workshop at the New CTE Professionals Workshop in Bozeman Wednesday, October 16, one day before the 2013 MBEA/Montana ACTE Institute. Numerous BPA advisors attend the MBEA/Montana ACTE Institute in Bozeman October 17 and 18. State Officer Callum Gannon welcomed ACTE members to the Institute on behalf of Montana Business Professionals of America.

As of October 24, Montana BPA has five new chapters for the 2013-14 school year. They include Malta High School, chapter advisor Coleen Costin; Hysham High School, chapter advisor Tom Schmid; Twin Bridges High School, chapter advisor Jody Sandru; West Yellowstone High School, chapter advisor, Jo Stevens; and Hot Springs High School, chapter advisor, Bob Neiman. Welcome new chapters.


The Pin Design Contest due date is October 25 and the T-Shirt Design Contest and Program Cover Design Contest deadline is December 2.

The CTSO Advisors will meet in Bozeman at the Bank of Montana on December 9 with TJ Eyers for their quarterly reporting meeting.

BPA Certified Local Advisor Leadership training is over. The Local Advisor Training was comprised of six 50-minute webinars and a required follow-up discussion post after each webinar. Advisors who completed the training will be assisting Montana BPA in meeting the goals of the House Bill 86 funding grant. The number of Montana Advisor Certifications is not known at this time—every webinar began on a Monday at 6 p.m. Mountain time which seemed to be a conflicting timing for many of our Montana local advisors.

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Montana DECA

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Family and Consumer Sciences Education

Montana ProStart and the Montana Restaurant Association hosted a ProStart Culinary Seminar at Flathead Valley Community College with guidance and instruction from Chef Howard Karp the October 4-5, 2013. Twenty-one Montana FCS Educators attended the Friday evening Chef's Table at FVCC (a culinary event hosted by FVCC Culinary Arts students) and received six hours of culinary training on Saturday along with tips for information about implementing ProStart into the FCS curriculum and competing in the annual Montana ProStart Competition held each spring. For more information about ProStart, please contact Brad Griffin at the Montana Restaurant Association.

Seven FCS professionals attended the New CTE Teachers Workshop in Bozeman, October 16. The full day training covered such topics such as State CTE Funds, Carl Perkins funding, Big Sky Pathways & Programs of Study, FCS Standards, teaching resources, running a FCCLA chapter and much more. Please welcome the following new FCS teachers to our profession: Jennifer Charlton at Huntley Project HS (Worden), Anne Lancaster at Shelby HS, Kacie Perkins at Powell County HS (Deer Lodge), Emily Raymond at Sleeping Giant MS (Livingston), Shaye Skovgaard at Skyview HS (Billings), Sara Wittmayer at Dawson County HS (Glendive) and Jenny Zimmerman at Red Lodge HS.

During October 17-18, 2014 in Bozeman, 62 Montana Family and Consumer Sciences educators attended the annual Montana Association for Career & Technical Education (Montana ACTE) Fall Institute. FCS educators attended workshops on such topics as Literacy in CTE, Classroom Food & Fiber Economics: Inquiry in the USA, iPad Apps for Implementing CCSS – FACS Edition, and more. The Montana Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Educators (MAFCSE), which is the name of the FCS Division of Montana ACTE, also held their annual business meeting during the conference. Joanna Krogstad of Manhattan was elected as President-Elect; she joins the MAFCSE officer team of President Lindy Hockenbary of Bozeman and Past President Becky Bruce of Boulder. The three of them will work to plan the FCS division activities for the next Montana ACTE Fall Institute which will be held in Missoula on October 17 – 18, 2014. Also during the FCS division business meeting, two FCS teachers were honored with awards: Jocelyn Sumner, Belgrade, received the New Teacher of the Year Award, and Karen Durbin, Lewistown, received the Teacher of the Year Award. Our third FCS award winner for the conference was Becky Bruce of Boulder. She was named the New Teacher of the Year for Montana ACTE during the organization's awards luncheon. She will move on to represent Montana at the upcoming ACTE Region V Conference being held in Bismarck, ND April 23-26, 2014. Congratulations to three deserving and hard working teachers!

Montana FCCLA



On October 13-14, 2013 the annual Leadership Institute was held in Bozeman, MT. Forty-three students and FCCLA advisers attended. At the institute, students not only participated in leadership training but also create service outreach projects to address needs in their local community. Projects ranged from starting a new business to educating community members about sports-related concussions.

October 16, 2013, Montana FCCLA help an adviser training in Bozeman, MT. Twenty-six advisers from throughout the state attended. The training focused on sharing best practices for effective FCCLA chapters including topics such as conducting chapter meetings, fundraising, membership and competitive events.

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Health Sciences Education

I attended the National Career Pathways Network Conference in San Antonio, TX this past month and had the privilege of working and learning with 18 other colleagues from Montana secondary schools and post-secondary institutions. Counselors from the Billings School District presented an informative workshop on how they utilize the Montana Career Information System (MCIS) to help students navigate career pathways, and explained their strategy for exposing students to real-life career pathways role models through Wednesday morning presentations.

One of the most memorable presentations was from the Center for Occupational Research and Development (CORD). CORD, in partnership with a team of 40 community college faculty from across the country, developed over 60 integrated curriculum projects on six STEM-related clusters for high school classrooms. This is an opportunity to integrate science, technology, engineering and math in 1) Health Science, 2) Information Technology, 3) Manufacturing, 4) Transportation, Distribution and Logistics, 5) Engineering, and 6) Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources. These lessons are FREE and can be found at www.stemtransitions.org. There are equipment lists for each lesson, but you may find you already have the materials in your classroom.

If you have questions about STEM-related activities in the state, feel free to call.

Montana HOSA



October was a busy month for HOSA chapters! We changed our Fall Leadership Workshop format from chapter officers only, to regional Fall trainings for all HOSA members. Competitive events (especially work-based learning events), were highlighted through the use of a Simulation Manikin. Paramedic, Matt Hedrick, had students practice listening to lung sounds, taking blood pressure, and learning basic first aid and CPR. Students also have the opportunity to raise money for HOSA activities by teaching health science lessons at their local middle schools.

HOSA State Officers led some of the activities and helped members develop plans of work for their local chapters. We will be finishing our Fall Workshops in Butte on Nov. 1st and Bozeman on Nov. 9th.

If you are interested in starting a HOSA chapter, you can have a chapter without a health science program! Let me tell you how.

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Industrial, Trades and Technology Education

SafetyFestMT—December 16-20, 2013

December 16 – 20, 2013, at Helena College, 1115 North Roberts Street, Helena, MT. Registration is Now Open! Don't wait any longer to take advantage of the fantastic line up of FREE classes available at the Helena 2013 SafetyFestMT. Classes like HAZWOPER 40 Hour Certification, First Aid/CPR/AED, and OSHA Cards will give you the tools needed to stay safe in the workplace! Registration will close November 22 at 12PM. Please be aware that classes have a limited amount of space so make sure you sign up soon!

REGISTER today at the following link: <http://www.safetyfestmt.com/safetyfestmt-helena-2013.html>.



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TEACHING TO STUDENTS' STRENGTHS:

Our new video on how our research makes a difference.

Our latest video, filmed on location with teachers and students participating in [Math-in-CTE](#) and [Literacy-in-CTE](#) at Helena High School, Helena, Montana, and with NRCCTE staff at our headquarters here at the University of Louisville, describes our approach to revitalizing the field of CTE through high-quality research and professional development models that give people the tools they need to make good decisions about their programs, curricula, and instruction.

Watch the video on [our YouTube channel](#).



Randy Hussey, Technical Writing Teacher,
Helena High School, Helena, MT, with a
student.

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SkillsUSA



CONGRATULATIONS Loren Drivdahl!

SkillsUSA Advisor, Loren Drivdahl, for the Lewistown Chapter has been chosen as a winner in the 2013 SkillsUSA Membership Growth Challenge. Loren wins a \$50 Lowe's gift card and approximately \$100 worth of new SkillsUSA educational resources!

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